



# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

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### SUPREME COURT'S LONGTIME CHIEF COMMISSIONER TO RETIRE; COURT NAMES SUCCESSOR

LANSING, MI, May 28, 2002 – Aloysius J. Lynch of East Lansing, a Michigan Supreme Court employee since 1977 and the Court's Chief Commissioner since 1979, will retire on September 1, 2002, the Court announced today.

As Chief Commissioner, Lynch supervises the Court's Commissioners, its permanent legal staff. The Commissioners review applications for leave to appeal to the Court and report to the Justices on the contents of those applications. The Commissioners also provide research and support to the Court on a wide variety of other matters.

Lynch, 54, is a graduate of Canisius College and the University of Notre Dame Law School. He has served under ten Chief Justices: Thomas G. Kavanagh, Mary S. Coleman, G. Mennen Williams, John W. Fitzgerald, Dorothy C. Riley, Michael F. Cavanagh, James H. Brickley, Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Elizabeth A. Weaver, and Maura D. Corrigan.

Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan stated that "Over many years, Al Lynch has provided sound counsel and sage advice. I join my colleagues, past and present, in wishing him good fortune as he begins his next career."

Upon Lynch's retirement, the commissioners will be directed by Michael Murray, a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan Law School. Murray also has a Master's in Labor and Industrial Relations from MSU. A commissioner since 1980, Murray has fulfilled a number of assignments for the Court, including work on the Citizens' Commission to Improve Michigan Courts and the judicial sentencing guidelines that were in effect from 1983 through 1998. At present, he is project director for the Michigan Hall of Justice (scheduled for completion in late 2002), and liaison to the Native American tribal courts of Michigan.

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